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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Peter T. Aylward, et al

FINGERPRINT PROTECTION FOR  
CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHIC SHIELD

Serial No. US 09/705,545

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2001, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as set forth below:

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-21.

Please amend claims 24, 27, 28, 30, and 33 as set forth below:

24. (Once Amended) The photographic element of Claim 23 wherein said upper shield layer comprises lubricants, film-forming polymeric binder and filler particles wherein said lubricant is selected from the group consisting of silicates, silicone based materials, fatty acids, fatty acid derivatives, alcohols, alcohol derivatives, fatty acid esters, fatty acid amides, polyhydric alcohol esters of fatty acids, paraffin, carnauba wax, natural waxes, synthetic waxes, petroleum waxes, mineral waxes, and fluoro-containing materials wherein said film forming binder is selected from the group consisting of polyurethanes,